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WCC Commissioner Jordan Russell Named as Chairman

(Oklahoma City, June 1, 2021)- Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC):

Commissioner Jordan Russell was named Chairman of the WCC today by Governor Kevin Stitt. His appointment to the Chair is effective June 1, 2021. Chairman Russell will be replacing Commissioner Mark Liotta as Chairman. Commissioner Liotta has made clear his intention to serve out the remainder of his term as Commissioner in order to offer his support to a new Chairman.

Chairman Russell will take on the following duties in his role as Chairman:

To organize, direct and develop the administrative work of the administrative law judges, including but not limited to docketing, clerical, technical and financial work and establishment of hours of operation; To employ administrative staff for the Commission, within budgetary limitation; and such other duties and responsibilities authorized by law or as the Commission may prescribe 85A O.S. § 19 (H).

Chairman Russell was appointed to the Commission by Governor Mary Fallin effective October 4, 2016, and was reappointed by Governor Kevin Stitt to a term expiring August 25, 2025.

Jordan K. Russell is an attorney who joined the Commission after serving three legislative sessions as policy director and counsel to Oklahoma Speaker of the House Jeffrey W. Hickman. Prior to his time at the State Capitol, Jordan had a successful law practice in the downtown Oklahoma City office of Gungoll, Jackson, Box & Devoll, P.C. Jordan also previously worked as a legislative assistant to Oklahoma's U.S. Congressman Frank D. Lucas in his Washington, D.C. office where he worked on issues involving healthcare, labor, social security and disability and ERISA.

Commissioner Russell and his wife Jessica reside in Oklahoma City with their three children and enjoy attending their kids' school and sporting events at Crossings Christian School and attending Oklahoma State University football and basketball games as a family. As a fourth-generation Freedom, Oklahoma native, Jordan enjoys spending time hunting, fishing and working on his family's cattle ranch in rural Woods County, Oklahoma.

Oklahoma's workers' compensation system was reformed in 2013, by the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act (Act). The Act created the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) which became fully operational effective February 1, 2014, to replace the old Court, which became the Court of Existing Claims (CEC). The WCC provides a forum for workers'



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injury case hearings and appeals, ensures compliance with relevant statutes by employers,
and regulates organizations who wish to self-fund their workers' compensation obligations.

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